

SUBJECT:	SECTION 106 FUNDING – BUS ROUTES 3 AND X4
MEETING:	Individual Cabinet Member Decision
DATE:	8th March 2017
DIVISIONS/WARDS AFFECTED:	BRYN-Y-CWM

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To ask the Council to agree to the spend of £56,000 Section 106 funding on bus routes 3 and X24

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is proposed that the £56,000 Section 106 funding is approved for release to support the route 3 service by 31 March 2026 at the latest.
- 2.2 It is expected that approximately £7,000 of the funding will be used in 2016/17 as additional costs have been incurred on contracted route 3 due to additional mileage being run caused by a detour because of A465 roadworks. The remainder is likely to be used over the next 3-4 years.

3.0 KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 In June 2016 the council was contacted by the Brecon Beacons National Park Authority (BBNPA) that they had received a Section 106 contribution relating to the Cae Meldon development (13/10295/FUL) of £56,000 for “the X4 Abergavenny to Cardiff bus service and/or the No. 3 Abergavenny to Brynmawr service”, to be spend within 10 years of 31 March 2016.
- 3.2 Route X4 is currently a commercial bus service run by Stagecoach South Wales, running between Cardiff and Hereford via Merthyr and Abergavenny. The operator is running the service on their own financial risk. They set the timetable and set the fares (and receive the fares). Route 3 is a contracted (or supported) service, running between Brynmawr, Gilwern and Abergavenny. Contracted means that bus operator wants to run a service serving those places on their own financial risk, so MCC draws up a timetable, sets maximum fares, and then tenders the service to whichever operator requests the lowest subsidy. In the case of route 3 the tender was won by Stagecoach South Wales, and the annual support is £47k.
- 3.3 The BBNPA offered this funding to Monmouthshire County Council, to spend in accordance with the purpose by the time required. Officers have agreed the offer and the funding has been transferred.

4.0 REASONS

- 4.1 The funding cannot be spend on any other purpose.
- 4.2 The spend in 2016/17 will be determined by the additional costs incurred on contracted route 3 due to the roadworks. The remainder is likely to be used over the next 3-4 years, because of the service issues caused by the roadworks future patronage and contract costs are current impossible to predict.

5.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

5.1 The proposal is fully funded by Section 106 funding that cannot be spend on any other purpose.

6.0 WELLBEING OF FUTURE GENERATIONS IMPLICATIONS (INCORPORATING EQUALITIES, SUSTAINABILITY, SAFEGUARDING AND CORPORATE PARENTING) SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

6.1 A completed Equality Impact Assessment Form and Sustainable Development Checklist is attached as Appendix A. There are no significant impacts identified. Agreeing to the spend of £56,000 Section 106 funding on bus routes 3 will enable the council to continue to provide a service that may otherwise be under thread.

7.0 CONSULTEES

- Cabinet Member for Transport
- Section 106 Working Group
- Assistant Head of Finance
- Business Manager Passenger Transport & Transport Planning

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

None

9.0 AUTHOR

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10. CONTACT DETAILS:

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APPENDIX A

PART 1: EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT FORM

What impact are you assessing	Service area
Allocating Section 106 money to bus services	Passenger Transport
Policy author / service lead	Name of assessor and date
Richard Cope	Christian Schmidt 16feb17

1. What are you proposing to do?

The proposal is to allocate £56,000 to bus route 3

2. Are your proposals going to affect any people or groups of people with protected characteristics in a **negative** way? If **YES** please tick appropriate boxes below. **NO**

Age	N/A	Race	N/A
Disability	N/A	Religion or Belief	N/A
Gender reassignment	N/A	Sex	N/A
Marriage or civil partnership	N/A	Sexual Orientation	N/A
Pregnancy and maternity	N/A	Welsh Language	N/A

3. Please give details of the negative impact

n/a

4. Did you take any actions to mitigate your proposal? Please give details below including any consultation or engagement.

n/a

5. Please list the data that has been used to develop this proposal? e.g. Household survey data, Welsh Govt data, ONS data, MCC service user data, staff personnel data etc.

No data has been used.

Signed: Christian Schmidt
Designation: Transport Planning & Policy Officer
Dated: 16/2/17

PART 2: EQUALITY INITIAL CHALLENGE

Name: Christian Schmidt		Please give a brief description of what you are aiming to do.	
Service area: Passenger Transport		Allocate Section 106 funding to support the route 3 bus service	
Date completed: 16/2/17			
Protected characteristic	Potential Negative impact Please give details	Potential Neutral impact Please give details	Potential Positive Impact Please give details
Age			✓
Disability			✓

Marriage + Civil Partnership		✓	
Pregnancy and maternity		✓	
Race		✓	
Religion or Belief		✓	
Sex (was Gender)			✓
Sexual Orientation		✓	
Transgender		✓	
Welsh Language		✓	

Please give details about any potential positive Impacts .	How will these positive impacts be achieved
➤ <i>Young people, elderly, disable people and women are more likely than the population as a whole to have lower level of mobility and are more likely to rely on public transport to access jobs, services and other facilities</i>	➤ <i>The funding will support continued provision of the route 3 bus service.</i>

Please give details about any potential negative Impacts .	How do you propose to MITIGATE these negative impacts
➤ <i>n/a</i>	➤ <i>n/a</i>

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Designation: Transport Planning & Policy Officer
Dated: 16feb17

PART 2: SUSTAINABILITY CHALLENGE

Name of the Officer completing “the Sustainability challenge”		Please give a brief description of the aims proposed policy or service reconfiguration	
Christian Schmidt		Allocate Section 106 funding to support the route 3 bus service	
Name of the Division or service area		Date “Challenge” form completed	
Passenger Transport		16feb17	
Aspect of sustainability affected	Negative impact Please give details	Neutral impact Please give details	Positive Impact Please give details
PEOPLE			
Ensure that more people have access to healthy food			✓ Bus service provides access to additional food shops, esp. in Abergavenny
Improve housing quality & provision		✓	
Reduce ill health and improve healthcare provision		✓	
Promote independence			✓ Users may otherwise not be able to travel, or reliant on lifts
Encourage community participation/action & voluntary work		✓	

Targets socially excluded			✓ Bus service provides mobility for those without a car
Help reduce crime and fear of crime		✓	
Improve access to education and training			✓ Bus service provides access to additional education and training facilities
Have a positive impact on people and places in other countries		✓	
PLANET			
Reduce, reuse and recycle waste and water		✓	
Reduce carbon dioxide emissions			✓ Bus services have lower CO2 emissions per passenger journey compared to cars or taxi
Prevent or reduce pollution of the air, land and water			✓ Bus services emit less pollution per passenger journey compared to cars or taxi
Protect or enhance wildlife habitats (e.g. trees, hedgerows, open spaces)		✓	
Protect or enhance visual appearance of environment		✓	
PROFIT			
Protect local shops and services		✓	
Link local production with local consumption		✓	
Improve environmental awareness of local businesses		✓	
Increase employment for local people			✓ Bus service provides access to jobs, esp. for those without a car
Preserve and enhance local identity and culture		✓	
Consider ethical purchasing issues, such as Fairtrade, sustainable timber (FSC logo) etc		✓	
Increase and improve access to leisure, recreation or cultural facilities			✓ Bus service provides access to leisure, recreation or cultural facilities, esp. in Abergavenny

What are the potential negative Impacts	Ideas as to how we can look to MITIGATE the negative impacts (include any reasonable adjustments)
➤ N/A	➤ N/A

The next steps

- If you have assessed the proposal/s as having a **positive impact** please give full details below

The proposal would help to secure access to jobs, services and facilities in Abergavenny and Brynmawr (and with interchange to places beyond) for residents in the places served by the bus routes.

- If you have assessed the proposal/s as having a **Negative Impact** could you please provide us with details of what you propose to do to mitigate the negative impact:

n/a

Signed: Christian Schmidt

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